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WSP Participates in Nationwide Operation Air Brake

Chief Ronal Serpas announced today the Commercial Vehicle Division of the Washington State Patrol participated in a one-day air brake inspection of commercial motor vehicles on September 4, 2003. Sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), "Operation Air Brake" takes place in a majority of the 50 states along with Canada and Mexico.

Commercial Vehicle Division personnel inspected 5,735 air brakes during the check and 6 percent, or 349, were found to be out of adjustment. This compares to a 6.6 percent out of adjustment rate last spring during the same event.

"Defective brakes on commercial motor vehicles continue to be one of the leading causes contributing to big rig collisions. This event raises awareness of the problem and lets the drivers and industry know the importance of checking brake adjustments," stated Chief Serpas.

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